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SUBJECT: MOD INTEREST IN JOINT US-UK POLITICAL-MILITARY
GAMES

1. MOD MINISTER OF STATE JOHN GILBERT TOLD DCM JULY 16
THAT HE WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH DOD
REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF CONDUCTING
JOINT US-UK POLITICAL-MILITARY SIMULATIONS.

2. GILBERT SAID THAT HE ALSO HAD BEEN DISCUSSING WITH
DOAE AT BYEFLEET THE POSSIBILITY OF INVOLVING SENIOR UK
OFFICIALS IN SIMULATIONS ON A REGULAR BASIS, AND
THAT HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF DOAE AND SAGA
REPRESENTATIVES COULD MEET, PERHAPS UNDER HIS AEGIS,
FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION OF THIS POSSIBILITY. DCM, WHO
DESCRIBED THE GENERAL CHARACTER OF SAGA GAMES IN WHICH
HE HAD PARTICIPATED AND ALSO NATO EXERCISES SUCH AS
HILEX, SAID THAT HE WOULD RELAY GILBERT'S INTEREST TO
WASHINGTON, TOGETHER WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT AN
EARLY VISIT BY SAGA REPRESENTATIVES BE ARRANGED, PERHAPS
IN CONNECTION WITH TRAVEL TO EUROPE RELATED TO FUTURE
SAGA EXERCISES.

3. GILBERT SAID HE PLANNED TO RAISE THIS MATTER DURING
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HIS FORTHCOMING TALKS WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY DUNCAN AND
HOPED TO HAVE AN AFFIRMATIVE REACTION TO HIS SUGGESTION
FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION OF POSSIBILITIES FOR JOINT
GAMES.

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